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WITH IMPROVED
TEMPERATURE
RESOLUTION

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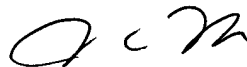
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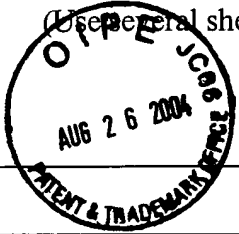
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A1	4,722,669	02/02/1988	Kundert			
	A2	4,727,468	02/23/1988	Maekawa			
	A3	5,249,741	10/05/1993	Bistline et al.			
	A4	5,307,439	04/26/1994	Enami			
	A5	5,687,079	11/11/1997	Bauer et al.			
	A6	5,727,928	03/17/1998	Brown			
	A7	5,825,972	10/20/1998	Brown			
	A8	5,942,866	08/24/1999	Hsieh			
	A9	5,962,933	10/05/1999	Henderson et al.			
	A10	5,990,582	11/23/1999	Henderson et al			
	A11	6,182,902	02/06/2001	Shih			
	A12	6,188,189	02/13/2001	Blake			
	A13	6,208,538	03/27/2001	Halamik et al.			
	A14	6,226,324	05/01/2001	Allstrom			
	A15	6,247,898	06/19/2001	Henderson et al			
	A16	6,262,549	07/17/2001	Yang et al.			
	A17	6,519,167	02/11/2003	Nguyen			
	A18	6,528,987	03/04/2003	Blake et al.			
	A19	6,563,284	05/13/2003	Teutsch et al.			
	A20	6,601,168	07/29/2003	Stancil et al.			
	A21	6,650,074	11/18/2003	Vyssotski et al.			
	A22	6,661,679	12/09/2003	Yang et al.			

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	A23	US 2003/0193307 A1	10/16/2003	Burstein			
	A24	US 2004/0001542 A1	01/01/2004	Miller, Jr.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	A25	Marando et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 10/459,169 entitled "Programmable PWM Stretching for Tachometer Measurement", filed on June 11, 2003.
	A26	Analog Devices, Publication ADM1027, "dBCOOL™ Remote Thermal Controller and Voltage Monitor," 2003, 56 pages.
	A27	National Semiconductor Corporation, Publication LM63, "±1°C Accurate Remote Diode Digital Temperature Sensor with Integrated Fan Control," February 2003, 28 pages.
	A28	Stephen Ohr, "Analog IC vendors find 'Intel Inside' a safe bet," September 12, 2002, online at http://www.eetimes.com/story/OEG20020912S0026 .

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